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SUBJECT: NOON BRIEFING STATEMENT ON TERRORISM

FOLLOWING EXCHANGE TOOK PLACE AT TODAY'S NOON BRIEFING:

BEGIN QUOTE

Q: DO YOU HAVE ANYTHING ON THE ATTACK IN THE YUGOSLAV
PRESS ON THE UNITED STATES FOR RELEASING OF THOSE THREE
CROATIAN HIJACKERS?

A: WELL, WHAT IS IT YOU ARE REALLY ASKING ME ON THIS NOW?
I DON'T WANT TO PHRASE THE QUESTION.

Q: WELL, FIRST OF ALL, DO YOU SEE A DETERIORATION IN
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RELATIONS RESULTING FROM THIS RELEASE? AND, IS THERE ANY
VIEW ON THE RELEASE OF THESE THREE?

A: O.K.,WELL IN RESPONSE TO THAT: DESPITE ACTIVITIES
SUCH AS THAT ATTACK, WHICH WE ARE CONCERNED ABOUT, WE FEEL
THAT OUR OVERALL RELATIONS WITH YUGOSLAVIA CONTINUE TO BE
ON A SOUND FOOTING.

AND THERE IS NO QUESTION AT ALL THAT INCIDENTS OF VIOLENCE
ADD AN ELEMENT OF ANXIETY IN OUR DEALINGS WITH YUGOSLAVIA,
AND WE ARE DETERMINED TO DO EVERYTHING WE CAN TO PUT A
STOP TO THEM.

I MIGHT ADD THAT WHEN PEOPLE HAVE BEEN APPREHENDED IN
THESE INCIDENTS, INDICTMENTS HAVE BEEN RENDERED.

WE ARE, AS WE HAVE BEEN SINCE WOODROW WILSON, COMMITTED
TO MAINTAINING YUGOSLAVIA'S UNITY AND INTEGRITY AS A
NATION. WE ARE STILL FIRMLY COMMITTED TODAY.

INSOFAR AS A COMPLAINT ABOUT THE THREE BEING LET OUT (AND
I THINK THAT IS REALLY WHAT PROVOKED THIS) THE THREE
CROATS HAVE BEEN LET OUT ON BAIL, BUT THEY WILL BE BROUGHT
TO TRIAL ON THE CHARGES THAT HAVE BEEN RAISED AGAINST
THEM. END QUOTE

COMMENT: SUBSEQUENT TO BRIEFING, DEPARTMENT LEARNED THAT
CROATS HAVE BEEN UNSUCCESSFUL IN RAISING BAIL MONEY AND,
HENCE, ARE STILL IN CUSTODY. CORRECTION WILL BE MADE FOR
THE RECORD. VANCE

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